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Letter to Mr. Bradford

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Sir

In presenting the monthly report which I have the honor of making to you, I have respectfully to state.

1st That since my last report the work of preparation has been regularly progressing as fast as could reasonably be expected — The Annealing Furnaces are far advanced towards completion one of which will probably be ready in one other week. The small Coining Press is so far prepared as to be ready for trial on the arrival of the dies. The Chimney Stack has been completed and all the requisite Furnaces, for Greasing Roasting Whitening ect. got ready for commencing. — One of the Milling Machines is completed and the other far advanced — The Steam Engine has been repitten and the shafting and Gearing put in order with drawing Drums &c.

A partial trial has been made of the Rolling machinery which though not quite as well executed as it should have been, particularly in the gear wheels, will I believe, when properly corrected and adjusted, perform very satisfactorily The Draw Benches are nearly ready for use and will doubtless perform in a satisfactory manner in many respects. The Cutting Presses are presumed to be in excellent condition requiring only some trifling adjustment and I expect to give them a trial immediately.

The Force Pump is being erected and the handening apparatus will probably be ready for use by the time the dies are ready for its operation upon them. In the course of the present week I propose to show you some Planchets of Dimes and half Dimes ~~through~~ thus which shall have been through

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through the Mint by which time it is presumed that the Dies will have arrived.

2d The happiest effects have resulted from the dismissal of Mr Sibley and others for insubordination.

3d The small scales for adjusting Gold and for weighing Buckets, not having arrived from Phila I shall be under the necessity of procuring a pair for immediate use in this city. In a letter from the Director dated on the 6th Ultimo he says "compete sets of large ballances with many other articles ordered in France, were sent from Havre in the Formosa to Nyork and I am sorry to say that much alarm is entertained for her safety as she has been 75 days out and is not heard of. Her loss would be a severe misfortune to the branch Mints".

4th A large Lathe contracted for in Philadelphia and which should have arrived here ere now, is very much wanted to facilitate the completion of the large Press and for other purposes and I must beg of you to make the inquiry when you write to Dr Patterson as to the time I may expect its arrival here.

5th As the works are all new, and as the training of workmen to the several operations of coining was not permitted me by the Chief Coiner of the Mother Mint (only in the case of one individual and that to a limited extent) I am fearful that more will be expected of my Department than can possibly be realized at the first Start off. I am sure however that all reasonable indulgence and patience on your part will be extended to me

Respectfully Your Ob[t] Servant

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